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ABSTRACT

This document presents the text of the Police, Fire, and Emergency Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998. This Act provides higher education financial assistance to the dependents of federal, state, and local public safety officers who are killed, or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. The Act is an amendment to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. (DB)

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An Act

To provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.

Nov. 13, 1998
[S. 1525]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Police, Fire, and Emergency Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998.

This Act may be cited as the "Police, Fire, and Emergency Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS KILLED OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in the heading for subpart 2, by striking "**Civilian Federal Law Enforcement**" and inserting "**Public Safety**"; 42 USC 3796d *et seq.*

(2) in section 1211(1), by striking "civilian Federal law enforcement" and inserting "public safety"; 42 USC 3796d.

(3) in section 1212(a)— 42 USC 3796d–1.

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "Federal law enforcement" and inserting "public safety";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "Financial" and inserting the following: "Except as provided in paragraph (3), financial"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) The financial assistance referred to in paragraph (2) shall be reduced by the sum of—

"(A) the amount of educational assistance benefits from other Federal, State, or local governmental sources to which the eligible dependent would otherwise be entitled to receive; and

"(B) the amount, if any, determined under section 1214(b).";

(4) in section 1214— 42 USC 3796d–3.

(A) by inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "The"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) SLIDING SCALE.—Notwithstanding section 1213(b), the Attorney General shall issue regulations regarding the use of a sliding scale based on financial need to ensure that an eligible dependent who is in financial need receives priority in receiving funds under this subpart."; Regulations.

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42 USC 3796d–5.

(5) in section 1216(a), by inserting "and each dependent of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty on or after October 1, 1997," after "1992,"; and

42 USC 3796d–6.

(6) in section 1217—

(A) by striking paragraph (2); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

Approved November 13, 1998.

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